

Amendment to the Specification

Please replace the last paragraph on page 20, which continues onto page 21, with the following amended paragraph.

In one embodiment of this invention, the hybrid system can replace current desalination systems powered by non-fuel cell power sources. In other words, the non-fuel cell power sources are [[be]] replaced by, or substituted with, a fuel cell according to the present invention. In another, particularly preferred embodiment of this invention, the hybrid system is added to existing desalination systems powered by non-fuel cell sources, and the fuel cell acts as an additional, or supplemental, power source for generating electricity and heating salinous water. For example, the method of this invention can be incorporated into an existing desalination system, such as, for example, a multi-source flash distillation system using steam turbines, to form a hybrid system according to this invention. FIG. 7 shows a hybrid system 300 of this invention incorporating a presently used steam turbine powered multi-source flash distillation system. The hybrid system 300 includes a heat exchanger 302 connected to both a fuel cell 304 and a steam turbine 306.